

# **Hunter Mill Highlights**

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Dear Hunter Mill Friends,

Tuesday was our last Board of Supervisors meeting before Labor Day and our agenda was jam-packed with business. We approved ordinances to the County code that incorporate the changes to our election precincts for County and state districts. We released of funds for projects widening sections of Route 28. And, we approved a special exception for Brightview Assisted Living to build a new facility in Great Falls.

The Board endorsed the plan put forward by U.S. Secretary of Transportation to reduce the cost of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project Phase II project. The Secretary's plan adopts an aerial station at the airport instead of the proposed tunnel. We also directed the County Executive to engage in further negotiations on a memorandum of understanding with our partners in this project as the plans shifts the funding for Phase II parking garages to Fairfax and Loudoun Counties, and the Route 28 station to Fairfax County.

On the good news side, the County's revenues for FY 2011 were higher than anticipated and will be included in the 2011 Carryover Review and public hearing scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup>. The carryover package includes a market rate pay adjustment of 1.52% for County employees, their first increase in approximately three years.

I hope you enjoy the remaining days of summer. As always, contact me if I can be of any assistance to you or your family.

**Cathy Hudgins** 

#### <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

This just in from Virginia Department of Transportation (July 28): Closures on Hunter Mill Road at Difficult Run Stream Bridge

The annual inspection of the bridge carrying Hunter Mill Road over Difficult Run (near Hunter Station Road/W&OD Trail crossing) has revealed severe corrosion of the steel beams, necessitating urgent action to replace the bridge. Beginning next week. VDOT engineers and workers will begin work that may restrict traffic at the bridge to a single lane during off-peak daylight hours. Construction of the temporary bridge will likely require at least one weekend closure but possibly more, of Hunter Mill

Road and a detour for through traffic during that time. A public meeting with details on this project is being planned – watch for announcements coming from the Hunter Mill District office.

**Reston District Police Station Renovation Public Meeting:** Wednesday, August 3, 7 p.m. You are invited to a presentation on the proposed design for the renovation of the Reston District Police Station, 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, in the Community Room. Funding for this project was approved by voters in the 2006 Public Safety Bond Referendum. Construction is planned to begin in the fall of 2012.

**Hunter Mill Melodies Free Summer Concerts:** Each Thursday night 7:30 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. This week's concert (July 28) features the **Bill Kirchen & Too Much Fun** (traditional bluegrass). Next Thursday, August 4, will feature **CAISO Steel Band** (steel drum band).

**4-H Fair at Frying Pan Farm Park:** The 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fairfax County 4-H Fair runs Saturday, August 6 and Sunday, August 7. In addition, an old–fashioned carnival featuring amusements, rides, food and other entertainment starts on Thursday, August 4 and runs through the weekend. Check the <a href="Park's website">Park's website</a> for full schedule of activities.

#### 7-26-2011 Board Action Highlights

Below are excerpts from the **July 26, 2011 Board of Supervisors** meeting that may be of interest to you as a Hunter Mill District constituent. For additional details, please go to the County's <u>Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule</u> section on the County's webpage. Some County links may not be active until later in the week.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

Admin 5: Authorization to advertise public hearings on proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment re: Independent living facilities for low income residents and a modification to the definition of "Dwelling Unit: and Independent Facility".

- Creation of a new subset or the current independent living facility use to serve low income occupants with handicaps/disabilities and/or who are 62 years of age and older
- A 25% density bonus will be available provided not less than 80% of the units shall be
  provided for occupants with an annual income of not more than 50% of the Area Median
  Income (AMI) for the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area (WMSA) and not more than
  20% of the units shall be provided for occupants with an annual income of not more than 70%
  of AMI for the WMSA.
- The amendment includes additional standards to ensure compatibility and appropriateness of the use at a proposed location. The amendment also modifies the definition of dwelling unit to delete the reference to "permanent" when referring to provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation within the dwelling unit.
- The amendment also modifies the definition of "Independent Living Facility" by adding the word "disabilities" to be more current with preferred terminology.

**Admin 6**: Approval of streets into the State Secondary System
Butler Property Lot 1 Beulah Road (Route 675)

Admin 7: Authorization to advertise a public hearing on September 13, 2011, 10:45 a.m., to amend the current appropriation level in the FY 2012 Revised Budget Plan. The advertisement encompasses both the County and the Schools' FY 2011 Carryover.

Admin 11: Authorization to advertise a public hearing on September 13, 2011, 4:30 p.m., to consider the local property tax exemption of NOVACO. Properties already tax exempt under Lutheran Social Services – no fiscal impact. NOVACO currently has no tax liability to the County.

Admin 12: Authorization for the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department to apply for and accept assistance to Firefighters Grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Grant funding in the amount of \$184,116 is requested to purchase a fire training prop, flashover and flare-up effects systems and a tiling and heat monitoring system at the Fire and Rescue Department Training Academy. Additional funds would purchase and install interactive projectors for use in training at 37 fire stations. Local match required is 20%, or \$21,952.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Action 1: Authorized funding from the Route 28 Highway Transportation Improvement District Project Completion Fund for spot widening projects. Route 28 District tax revenues of \$6 million were approved for final design plans of four Route 28 widening projects;

- o Route 28 southbound between Sterling Boulevard and Dulles Toll Road
- o Route 28 southbound bridge over Dulles Toll Road
- o Route 28 northbound between McLearen Road and Dulles Toll Road
- o Route 28 southbound between Dulles Toll Road and Route 50.

Action 3: Approved an amended parking reduction for Reston Town Center Urban Core – Phase I.

Action 5: Approval of Supplemental Appropriation Resolution AS 12006 and approval of a Standard Project Administration Agreement for the Department of Transportation to accept Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program funding for the Dulles Corridor Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements. Grant funding of \$9,800,000 will be utilized to administer the design and construction of the Dulles corridor bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects. Local match of \$1,160,000 is required.

Action 6: Adoption of Amendment to Section 6-1-2.1 of the County Code relating to pneumatic guns (bb guns). Changes were necessary to conform to recent state legislation.

#### **Action 7: Approval of Year-End Processing**

- One county fund: County Insurance (Fund 501) exceeded its appropriation authority exceeded its expenditure authority by \$5,914,898 due to an increase in the accrued liability as calculated in the latest actuarial valuation in FY 2011
- School Board fund requires an additional appropriation: Fund 692, School OPEB Trust Fund: \$773,757.

Action 8: Authorization to file comments regarding acceleration of broadband deployment: expanding the reach and reducing the cost of broadband deployment by improving policies regarding public rights of way and wireless facilities siting. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) may change federal regulations that would result in federal preemption of local

authority over local government property affecting revenues from leasing County sites for antennas and towers, state rights-of-ways user fees, and possible conflicts with local zoning.

Action 9: Endorsement of the strategy outlined by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation related to Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project Phase II and authorization of the County Executive to act as the Board's agent in negotiating a Phase II Project Memorandum of Understanding.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Info 1: Quarterly status report on the Board's Second Four-Year Transportation Program.

## **BOARD MATTERS** introduced by Supervisor Hudgins

# **WMATA Station Naming Policy Public Meetings**

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) newly adopted policy on station naming introduces primary and secondary names for greater clarity of station locations. I requested that County staff work with WMATA to facilitate one or more public meetings to refine the Dulles Metrorail Station names.

#### **Parking Restriction Along Vale Road**

In response to citizen concerns, I requested that the Department of Transportation install no parking signs along a section the shoulder on the south side of Vale Road near Stryker Avenue.

# **Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force Membership**

Board approval was necessary to update the primary and alternative member of the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force. Changes are;

- Bob Ridel replaces Frank Pfeilmier as alternate for ARCH
- John Bowman replaces Mike Corrigan as primary representative for Reston Citizens Association, and assigns Mike as alternate
- Alternates Steve Cerny, Stephanie Cortelyou and Anne Strange resigned and are not being replaced.

#### **Skate Park on Wheels Event**

The Office of Public Affairs will assist in advertising the Hunter Mill District and Town of Vienna Skate Park on Wheels event planned for Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department parking lot.

#### **Approval of Head Start Compliance Requirements**

Board approval to satisfy compliance requirements of the Head Start Act of 2007 will be brought back to the Board for action after further review by the County Executive.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**4:00** Public hearing to amend Articles 2 and 3 of Chapter 3 of Uniformed and Employees' Retirement Systems – change to Social Security offset. Approved changes to disability retirements benefits by revising the benefit reduction which is based on social security benefits. The benefit reduction is currently 30%; it will change to 25%, effective August 1, 2011.

- **4:30 Public hearing to approve creating Fairfax County Code Section 82-5-37.1- Restricted Parking in Non-Residential Areas.** Allows commercial business to restrict parking on their property during business hours.
- 4:30 Public hearing on proposed amendments to Chapter 104 (Erosion and Sedimentation Control), Chapter 112 (Zoning Ordinance), and Appendix Q (Land Development Services Fee Schedule) of the Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia RE: Conservation Plan for Land Disturbing activities 2,500-5,000 sq. ft. The approved amendments applies to the demolition of a single family dwelling, demolition of an accessory structure to a single family dwelling, construction of an addition to a single family dwelling, or construction of an accessory structure to a single family dwelling, that results in a disturbed area of 5,000 square feet or less and does not require the installation of water quality controls.
- **4:30 Public hearing to approve creating Fairfax County Code 82-13 (Golf Cart Usage) related to operation of golf carts on public highways.** Establishes Board review of requests for golf cart usage in residential developments.
- 5:00 Public hearing on PRC 85-C-088-02 (South of Market Lot 16 LLC) approved the PRC plan associated with RZ 85-C-088 to permit a 15-story residential building containing 359 multifamily dwelling units and 29,145 square feet of ground floor commercial use, located on approximately 2.51 acres zoned PRC. Property is located in the Northwest quadrant of the intersection of Bluemont Way and Explorer Street in Reston.
- **5:00 Public hearing to amend County Code related to Election Precincts.** Approved recommendations will be in effect for the Aug 23, 2011 primary elections and Nov 8, 2011 general election. Hunter Mill changes include dividing Flint Hill to create a new precinct to be named "Madison", with polling place at Madison HS. In total, 15 new precincts created; 13 existing precincts renamed; boundaries adjusted for 65 precincts; 8 precincts abolished; and 10 polling places will be moved to new locations.

**5:00 Public hearing to convey Board-owned property to the Fairfax County Park Authority.** Included in the properties is the 60 acre Reston Secondary School site - Baron Cameron Park.

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